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News briefs

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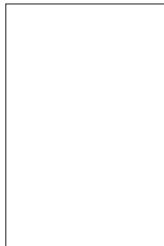
Elizabeth Williamson seeks leave donations because of a medical condition that requires neurosurgery. Williamson, a child development center employee at Spangdahlem Air Base, doesn't have enough leave to cover the unexpected medical emergency.

U.S. civilian employees who want to donate annual leave need to complete Optional Form 630A. Employees of other agencies need to use Optional Form 630B. Sick leave can't be donated. Send completed forms to Betty Taylor in the civilian personnel flight. For more information, call Taylor at 452-6080.

Vehicle death

Senior Airman Calvin Johnson Jr., 81st Fighter Squadron ground controller for close-air support, died June 9 following a single-vehicle (mo-torcycle) accident at about 5 p.m. near Wittlich. A memorial service took place on base Tuesday. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

People with claims for or against Johnson's estate should call Capt. Walter James, the summary court officer, at 452-7045.



Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios A base videographer films the flag flying at half-staff Tuesday in honor of Johnson.

Finance office closes

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron finance office closes at noon June 23 for an official function.

No newspaper

The Eifel Times will not publish June 23 due to contractual agreements. The next newspaper will be published June 30. The deadline to submit items for publication is noon June 23.

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Eifel Times

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Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

June 16, 2000

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Marshall test fits a pressure relief line on a 5,000-gallon liquid nitrogen tank.

Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Service names Spang member one of 12 Outstanding Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing public affairs

For the second consecutive year, Air Force officials selected a member of the 52nd Fighter Wing as one of the service's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Marshall was sitting down at home to eat dinner June 7 when a cadre of base leaders, headed by Col. Alan Thompson, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander, knocked on his door.

"I knew right then (they came to tell me I'd been selected)," said the 52nd Supply Squadron fuels storage terminal NCOIC.

Last year, Senior Master Sgt. Albert Romano Jr., 23rd Fighter Squadron, was named one of the 12 best.

At the time Marshall's nomination

package was submitted, he was a staff sergeant and a fuels distribution NCOIC. He's since pinned on technical sergeant and moved to the fuels storage terminal.

As the fuels distribution NCOIC, he led the servicing of 1,573 aircraft with 1.8 million gallons of jet fuel in support of Operation Allied Force. Marshall also deployed to Zaragoza, Spain, for Operation One-Way, supporting 60 A-10 sorties requiring 72,000 gallons of aviation fuel and serving as hazardous waste monitor.

As the fuels liaison to three flying squadrons at Spangdahlem – two flying the F-16CJ and the other the A-10 – he led the reengineering of the fuels bulk storage, hydrants and cryogenic section processes, and rewrote detailed operating instructions

for single-person truck fills at fuel hydrant systems.

In his current capacity at the fuels storage terminal, the NCO is responsible for receiving, storing and issuing all jet fuel, ground fuel and cryogenic products for the base. He also oversees the operation of three fuel hydrant facilities used to "hot pit" refuel the wing's aircraft.

"Selection as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen in the Air Force doesn't just happen – hard work, dedication and commitment are the reasons Tech. Sergeant Marshall was selected," said Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "He's an excellent leader who makes things happen in the

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USAFE pursues for wider Kosovo Medal eligibility

By Master Sgt. Kenneth Fidler
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Officials at U.S. Air Forces in Europe headquarters stepped up plans to pursue exceptions to policy to award the recently established Kosovo Campaign Medal to Air Force people who otherwise could not wear it.

Some Air Force units that supported the air campaign don't qualify under rules established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and USAFE personnel officials met with other services' officials

Tuesday 13 at European Command headquarters in Stuttgart to discuss proposals for expanding the eligibility.

The criteria for the medal state service members must have served in, or served in direct support of, Kosovo operations to qualify for the medal. In addition to other detailed eligibility criteria, they must have physically been in one of 12 countries, flew in their air space or served in the northern parts of the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

The medal was not authorized for those who supported the air campaign from bases in Germany, England, Spain, Turkey

and France, even though combat flights were flown from those bases. USAFE hopes to see some flexibility in that criteria.

"Our senior leaders are working hard to ensure appropriate recognition to the folks who supported the war efforts," said Lt. Col. Nancy Lee, chief of force programs, USAFE directorate of personnel. "The capability to expand eligibility is there, and we are aggressively pursuing it."

USAFE officials are working with the European Command

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wing."

Following a banquet at Ramstein Air Base in April where Marshall found out he would represent U.S. Air Forces in Europe at the Air Force competition, he tried not to think about his chances of becoming one of the 12 elite.

"I didn't even talk about it," he said. "It saves a lot of heartache that way."

Humbled by the whole experience, Marshall offers simple advice to people who aspire to achieve their goals in the Air Force.

"Do you're best, set a positive example for others and take time to get involved in something you enjoy," he said. "If along the way it earns you recognition, that's a bonus. I hope this shows people if you go out there and strive to do your best, it doesn't go unnoticed."

Marshall now has his sights fixed on his long-term goal of leaving Spangdahlem with a "double masters."

"I hope to have a line number for master sergeant and a master's degree," he explained. "I'll finish my bachelor's degree next month. Since I don't test for master until 2002, I have plenty of time to study and work on my master's degree."

As a result of the award, Marshall is eligible to wear the service-unique 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year ribbon. His selection also means a trip to Washington, D.C., this fall to accept the award from Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch.

Field medicine

Maj. (Dr.) Jay Fandel, a dentist, and about 50 other members of the 52nd Medical Group set up a new expeditionary medical support module during a training exercise at Ramstein Air Base Tuesday through Thursday. The contingent tested the EMEDS to prepare for a MEDCEUR deployment to Romania July 6-23. In support of the Air Expeditionary Force concept, the U.S. Air Force Medical Service developed the EMEDS system for deploying medical assets where they are needed around the world. The new EMEDS module is a smaller, more mobile package that's designed to be a fast and efficient way of deploying medical assets. The system will phase in separate modules with different medical capabilities to eventually create the larger Air Transportable Hospital. The Romania deployment will be the first opportunity for the 52nd MDG to assemble this equipment and use it in a deployment. As a result, medical services will be reduced July 6-23 to allow for the training; however, emergency services will be available, group officials said. Patients can expect delays in routine and elective services, officials added.

Senior Airman Aaron Allmon II

Medal

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to draft a proposal that EUCOM would present to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, comprised of the chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The joint chiefs determine eligibility requirements for campaign medals, and all services must agree to those requirements.

"What we're seeing here is pure dedication by our leaders to do what's right," said Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin, USAFE's command chief master sergeant. "We have many people outside the designated area of eligibility who worked very hard during Operation Allied Force and directly impacted the success of the air campaign. Their concerns are extremely valid, and we're trying to do the best we can for them. We have rewarded our folks through the Air Force's decoration system, but it would be great to see expanded eligibility for this campaign medal."

The first proposal last year included personnel assigned to all Air Expeditionary Wings, permanent Air Force units in Europe and the 509 Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., which flew B-2 stealth bomber missions. Although these units outside the area of eligibility weren't included in eligibility criteria, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will

consider exceptions, Lee said.

"It's hard to say how it will turn out," Lee said. "Unfortunately, the exception may not include all personnel who supported the Kosovo operations."

This doesn't mean Air Force people did not earn just rewards through the Air Force's own decorations system, Lee indicated. "Unit commanders were very knowledgeable and actively pursued recognition for their people," she said.

USAFE held five boards in the past year that have awarded nearly 17,000 service decorations, including more than 10,000 Air Force Achievement Medals, almost 4,000 Air Force Commendation Medals and nearly 1,000 Meritorious Service Medals.

The following is current Kosovo Campaign Medal eligibility criteria highlights (complete details are available at [www.af.mil/May2000-\(no hyphen\)/n20000523_000792.html](http://www.af.mil/May2000-(no hyphen)/n20000523_000792.html)).

Dates of eligibility

Military members authorized the medal must have participated in or served in direct support of one or more of the following Kosovo operations within the Kosovo Air Campaign or Kosovo Defense Campaign area of eligibility:

- Allied Force — March 24, 1999 to June 10, 1999
- Joint Guardian — June 11, 1999 to a date to be determined
- Allied Harbour — April 4, 1999 to July 10, 1999
- Sustain Hope/Shining Hope — April 4, 1999 to July 10, 1999
- Noble Anvil — March 24, 1999 to July 20, 1999

Also Kosovo Task Force(s):

- Hawk — April 5, 1999 to June 24, 1999
- Saber — March 31, 1999 to July 8, 1999
- Falcon — June 11, 1999 to a date to be determined (coincides with Joint Guardian)
- Hunter — April 1, 1999 to Nov. 1, 1999

Note: Must serve 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

Air campaign

The Kosovo Air Campaign (March 24, 1999 to June 10, 1999) area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the

Adriatic and Ionian Sea north of the 39th north latitude.

Defense campaign

The Kosovo Defense Campaign (June 11, 1999 and ongoing) area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia and the waters and air space of the Adriatic seas within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes north latitude.

Additional criteria

■ Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of eligibility;

■ While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; and

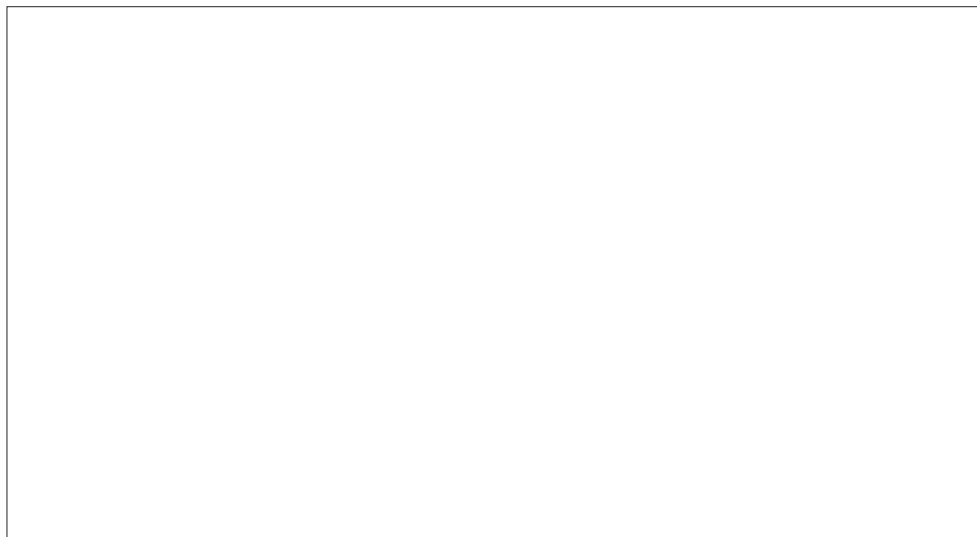
■ While participating as regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operations. (USAFE News Service)

EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE

Phase II LSN wraps up today

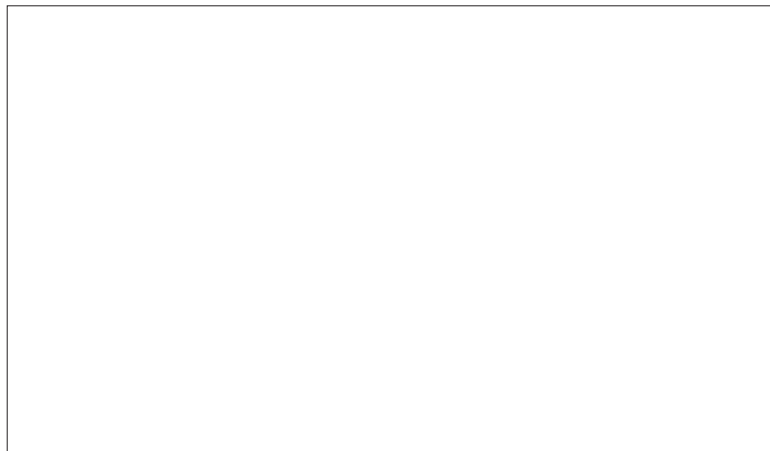
The 52nd Fighter Wing wraps up its Local Salty Nation Phase II exercise today.

Beyond responding to alarm conditions and MOPP levels, a Reserve unit played, security forces cracked down on rioters and comptrollers used it to train for an Air Force competition.

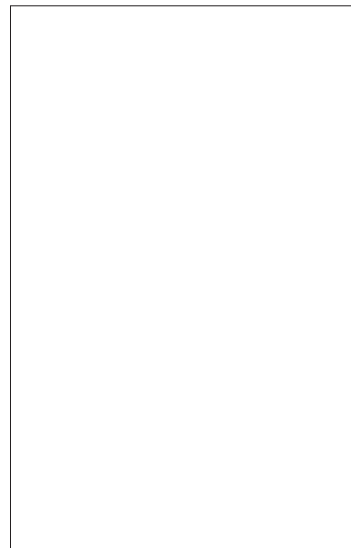


Security forces members crack down on intruders trying to enter the front gate during the Local Salty Nation exercise.

Photos by Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios



Above, Senior Airman Jack Baker, deployed to Spangdahlem from the 917th Security Forces Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., checks identification at the front gate. The Barksdale reserve unit annually performs its two-week training in Europe. At right, Senior Airman Aimee Zick, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, balances the books at a simulated deployed location in Kuwait. Zick and other members of the controller Top Dollar team used the LSN to train for the Air Force annual finance competition.



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Overseas utilities expense survey

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — An ongoing utilities survey distributed in May to 20,000 people overseas can put more money in the pockets of those who live off base. Or it can take money out.

Surveys with inaccurate data or not returned at all could mean a decrease or no change to the utilities and recurring maintenance portion of the overseas housing allowance. The Department of Defense's Per Diem Committee won't have a true representation of what military people are paying for utilities when living off base.

"We really want people to complete the survey, because it will have a direct impact on their OHA next fiscal year," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Windsor, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command pay and entitlements analyst. "It does take a little effort, but it's important. Without good data, the allowance won't be in sync with expenses."

The DOD Per Diem Committee administers the annual survey and establishes allowance rates, such as housing and travel, for military members. Survey results have historically resulted in an increase in the allowance. In fiscal 1999, the average allowance for utilities and recurring maintenance in Germany was 483 DM. For fiscal year 2000, it jumped to 661 DM. Likewise in the United Kingdom, the rate increased from 142 pounds to 214.

The deadline to complete the survey is July 15. General military pay information is available at www.dfas.mil. (USAFE News Service)

Memorial ceremony

Annual Memorial Ceremonies in Perle, Luxembourg, begin at 2 p.m. June 25. A reception and dinner take place afterward.

Roger Feller, Memorial 385th Bomb Group chairman, expects more than 80 B-17 veterans to attend. The group, which sponsors the event, strives to keep the memory of the

B-17 and its veterans alive through the annual memorial.

E-4, below night out

Tickets are available from unit first sergeants for an accompanied E-4 and below night out starting at 6 p.m. June 27 in the Saber Club.

Cost is \$3 per couple. Dinner consists of ribeye steak, corn on the cob and baked potato. Prize drawings, a comedian and DJ are all on tap for the evening. The First Sergeants Council even picks up the tab for baby-sitting, up to \$20.

Correction

Staff Sgt. Lisa Weinfurter wasn't properly identified as a member of the 52nd Mission Support Squadron in the technical sergeant promotion list last week.

Free German-American festival starts June 30

Annual BASH offers family entertainment, prizes, more

By Julie Speegle

52nd Services Squadron marketing department

A free German-American festival, dubbed the BASH for Big Annual Summer Happening, opens June 30 on the Bitburg French Caserne. The 44th annual event continues through July 4.

The event features a variety of adult rides and several modern youth rides at reduced rates daily noon to 2 p.m. In addition, games, food and entertainment are all on tap.

"We have all kinds of entertainment," said George Price, BASH organizer. "The BASH is planned with the entire family in mind, so be sure to bring the kids."

Eifel 105 kicks off the festivities with a live radio show from the big tent 6-8 p.m. June 30. Events during the first two hours include a dance, lip-sync contest and a cuckoo clock prize giveaway.

Throughout the past month and leading up to the BASH, Eifel 105 broadcasts daily "finds of the day" in a Scavenger Hunt contest to determine the winner of the cuckoo clock, donated by Gifts International, said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wessner, a broadcaster with Detachment 9, Air Force Broadcasting Service. Contestants gather the "finds" and bring them to the BASH by 7 p.m. June 30. The person with the most wins the clock. In the event of a tie, a drawing takes place to determine the winner.

"This festival isn't designed to be a money maker," said George Price, BASH organizer. "It's a way for the 52nd Services Squadron to give back to the community - the same people who support us throughout the year. It's the biggest event hosted by services all year."

One of the most popular attractions of the BASH has been the entertainment tent. It contains tables with plenty of

seating and a wooden dance floor. A large stage complete with a modern sound system accommodates the numerous bands and nightly dance performances by the Eifel Outlaws and a Hawaiian dance troupe. Nightly entertainment includes country and western, oldies, classic rock and even a German oompah band.

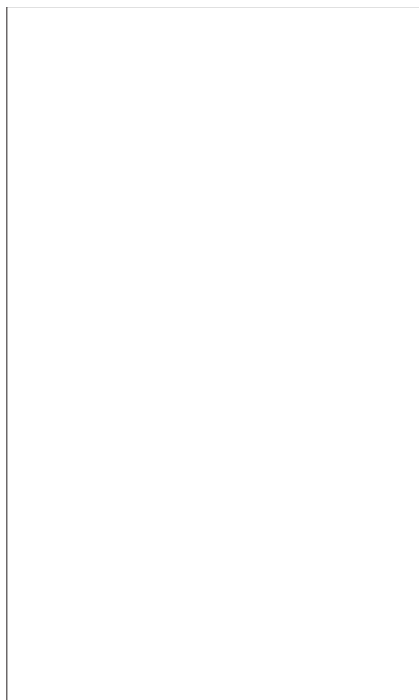
A fireworks display on the Fourth of July highlights the five-day festival. "The BASH will have a gigantic fireworks display this year," Price said. "In fact, it will be one of the biggest in all of Germany."

The fireworks launch at 10:30 p.m. from the new BMW building on the road leading to the former Bitburg Air Base operations area.

Organizers expect a large turnout for the event, so parking will be limited. People living on Bitburg are encouraged to walk to the French Caserne. Spangdahlem Air Base and off-base residents are asked to consider riding the Eifel shuttle bus. People who do drive to Bitburg for the BASH will be required to park in the commissary lot and walk.

"This is quite a hike, so you might want to seriously consider riding the shuttle bus," Price said.

For security reasons, people attending the BASH will not be allowed to bring pets, backpacks or bicycles. For more information, call Price at 452-6721.



Courtesy photo

Fireworks lighted up the sky to end last year's BASH. More are on tap for the 2000 event at 10:30 p.m. the Fourth of July.

Club opens cafe, ice cream shop

By Charly Emmerling

52nd Services Squadron marketing

As warm weather arrives in the Eifel, the 52nd Services Squadron offers people a way to cool off by opening Claudie's Cones & Café ice cream parlor in the Saber Club.

Named after Claudia Wright, a 23-year Spangdahlem Air Base Club Complex employee, this parlor offers 12 different flavors of Italian ice cream made into shakes, super sundaes, banana splits and other specialty desserts. It also offers gourmet espresso and cappuccino.

"The Saber Club is definitely your one-stop-shop for the entire family," said Moses Thompson, installation club manager. "Whether you dine at Peter's, the Golden Dragon, or just stop in to cool off, the Saber Club has it all."

Although the official grand opening takes place at 2 p.m. Tuesday (the official first day of summer), Claudie's Cones & Café is now open to the public.

For more information, call the Saber Club at 452-6090.

Services takes summer to extreme for youth

By Staff Sgt. Rich Romero

52nd Fighter Wing public affairs

Two "Extreme Summer" pro-motional program events arrive in the Eifel later this month - a demonstration by the Mongoose All-Terrain Board Team and an appearance by New Orleans Saints' running back Ricky Williams.

Targeted toward 13 to 18 year olds, Extreme Summer 2000 gives youth in U.S. Air Forces in Europe "a fun and exciting way to spend their summer and a chance to win some incredible prizes in the process," said Cravin Ham, Eifel Community Center director.

The Mongoose team performs board demonstrations at 3 p.m. today at the skateboard halfpipe next to the Spangdahlem softball fields and family support center. Following the demonstration, team members give hands-on instruction to youth, teens and adults on the specialized year-round use board. Afterward, the team signs autographs at the base pavilion at 5:30 p.m.

Football mini-camp commitments with the Saints prevented Williams, the 1998 NCAA Heisman Trophy Winner, from appearing as previously scheduled for mid-May, Ham said. He arrives in the Eifel June 23 for an appearance and autograph session at the Bitburg High School football field 1:20-2 p.m., in the Eifel East Community Center 2:30-3:10 p.m.; in the fitness center 3:10-3:50 p.m.; a photo session with Eifel

Little League All-Star Teams 3:55-4:30 behind the fitness center; and 7-7:25 p.m. at the teen center.

Williams is an ideal role model for teens, said Debbie Karnes, USAFE services marketing chief. In addition to winning college football's Doak Walker Award and being named the Walter Camp Player of the Year in 1998, he also serves as a mentor in New Orleans' elementary and middle schools, raises money for scholarships and advocates a drug-free life.

In its third year, Extreme Summer offers youth a wealth of point-earning activities which can lead to big prizes.

"Extreme Summer allows youth to participate in a variety of activities and earn valuable points," said Maj. John Povelones, 52nd Services Squadron commander. "It's really up to the youth as to the level and type of prize they win because the more points they earn, the bigger and better the prize will be."

Everything teens need to know about the program can be found in the "X2K Extreme Summer Magazine," which area youth should have already received in the mail, Karnes said. Teens can use the mail-in registration card found in the magazine or visit the Extreme Summer web site at <http://www.extremesummer.com> to register.

Last year, the program netted prizes for more than 750 participants, she said. Among the prize winners were 12 USAFE teens

who went to Hollywood movie premieres

and attended parties with the stars. Some of

the winning teens met Adam Sandler, Harrison Ford, Kristen Scott-Thomas and Drew Barrymore.

"This year, we'll be sending three winning teens and their families stateside to see Grammy winner Christina Aguilera in concert," Karnes said. "The teens will have front row seats and backstage passes to meet her."

The prizes don't stop there, either. Teens who take part all summer compete for the top prize, a seven-day family trip to Discovery Cove, SeaWorld Orlando (Fla.) and Busch Gardens in Florida.

"Just as in the past, hundreds of other prizes will be awarded," Karnes said. "We plan to give away laptop computers, stereo systems, MP3 players and more."

Community Mailbox

Schwenk sale

The Chief's Group holds a schwenk sale at the Spangdahlem Post Office parking lot 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. The \$5 cost includes a schwenk, chips and a soda. Tickets are available from Chief's Group members or pay the day of the sale.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association, Spangdahlem Chapter 1681, meets 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Community Activities Center. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call Master Sgt. David Johnson at 453-3340.

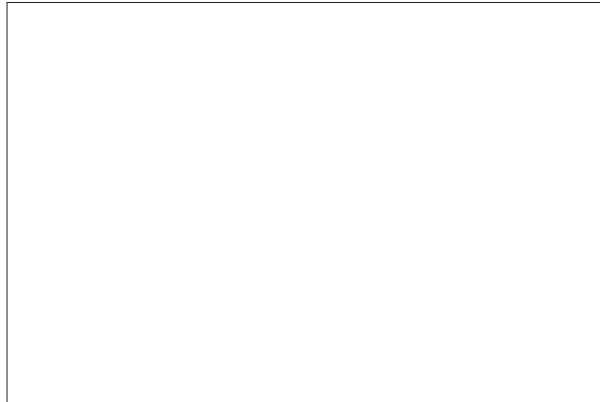
On tap at the FSC

All of the following classes and seminars take place in the family support center, building 2001 on Bitburg, unless otherwise indicated. For more information or to register, call 452-7491.

- European job seeker, noon to 1 p.m. Monday, building 307 on Spangdahlem.
- Interview skills, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday.
- Communication skills, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.
- Train trip to Trier, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 23. Departs from the Bitburg commissary parking lot.

Deployed spouses picnic

A deployed spouses picnic takes place at 4 p.m. June 24 at the Spangdahlem picnic pavilion. All spouses and families of military members deployed or on temporary duty are invited to attend. Participants are asked to bring a side dish to share. Meat and drinks are provided.



Courtesy photo

Patriotic pride

Last year, a college student from Greenfield, Iowa, painted a picture of the flag raising at Iwo Jima on a large rock that sets at the entrance to a rock quarry about 15 miles from the base, according to Staff. Sgt. Marva Trisvan from U.S. Air Forces in Europe headquarters. Unfortunately, someone painted graffiti on it afterward. The 20-year-old student returned again this year and painted another memorial to veterans, this time the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.

Videophone and morale calls to deployed member duty locations will be available. For more information or to schedule a videophone time, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Gilbert at 452-6422.

Touch of Home fund-raiser

The Restaurant Santorini in Speicher invites people to attend the Touch of Home fund-raiser 6 p.m. to midnight June 24.

The event raises money for the Spangdahlem child development center. Cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner, dancing and music. For reservations, call Kathy Stutts at 06580-347, Master Sgt. Sherry Rossi at 452-6176, Yolanda Castro at 452-5320 or Laura Goldthwait at 452-6697.

Slime time

A Christian youth group from Apopka, Fla, presents its free Nickelodeon-style show "The Slime Time Tour" June 23-30. Show times are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 24, and 10 a.m. June 28 at the Bitburg softball field; and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 26 and 27 at the Spangdahlem gazebo and picnic grounds near the bowling center.

The show presents the bible to children using slime, fun and games. The chapel needs volunteers to act as host families for the week. For more information on this event or to volunteer as a host family, call the chapel at 452-6711.

Cub Scouts camp

The Barbarossa District Cub Scouts hold summer camp at Priest Sports Platz 9 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. daily July 17-21. Webelos hold an additional overnight July 21.

Cost is \$45 for Scouts and \$52 for non-scouts. The camp theme is medieval. Buses leave the Bitburg commissary parking lot at 7:15 a.m.; Speicher government leased housing (first bus stop), 7:45 a.m.; Spangdahlem housing office bus stop, 7:15 a.m.; Binsfeld government leased housing bus stop, 7:30 a.m.; and the Herforst government leased housing bus stop, 7:45 a.m. The Trading Post, open during the lunch hours each day, only accept dollars and checks. For more information or to volunteer to help support the camp, call Staff Sgt. Chris Clements, program director, at 452-6019.

Tour Israel and Egypt

The Eifel Christian Community Association co-sponsors with Evangel Temple Fellowship the "Israel-Egypt 2000" tour July 1-10. The cost for the tour is \$1,400 per person and includes airline tickets, lodging, breakfast and dinner. Lunches and drinks for the meals aren't included. For more information or to register, call 06561-17748 after 5 p.m.

Scholarships

The King Citadel Military Lodge 163 recently presented its annual \$500 scholarships for 2000. Scholarship winners are Bitburg High School seniors Joey Lubbers and Kalisha DeCruise.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle Today Gladiator (R)

In AD 180, when a cruel new Emperor of Rome, Commodus, takes power, he strips the rank from Maximus, one of the favored generals of his predecessor and father, the great stoic philosopher-king, Emperor Marc Aurelius. Relegated to fighting in the gladiator arenas to the death lest he challenges Commodus for the emperorship, can this former leader of men survive long enough to break his chains and wreak his vengeance on his mortal enemy, the man who rules Rome?

Saturday Gladiator

Sunday Here on Earth (PG-13)

During one fateful summer, first love blossoms in the Berkshire Woods. The romantic triangle that develops is only the beginning of a new journey for Kelley, Samantha and Jasper. Their three lives are affected by one another, as they ultimately make life-changing discoveries about themselves and each other.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday Here on Earth

Thursday Drowning Mona (PG-13)

Danny DeVito and Bette Miller

North of Manhattan lies the quiet little town of Verplanck, N.Y. Nothing exciting really happens there. No one in this small town seems to blink when one of it's best known and possibly best liked residents Mona Dearly drives her Yugo into the Hudson to her death. But, it wasn't an accident. Somebody wanted Mona dead. The biggest problem in Chief Rash's investigation was not who did it, but rather who didn't.

Spangdahlem Skyline Today Battlefield Earth (PG-13)

John Travolta

It's the year 3000 and things aren't going well on Earth. There are only about 35,000 human beings left on the planet. The rest were wiped out by a deadly gas spread a thousand years earlier by the fierce Psychos, who conquered Earth as they did many other planets in the universe, so they could mine its mineral resources. Finally, after 10 centuries of domination, Jonnie Goodbody Tyler from Colorado takes on the dreaded Psychos. He strives to overcome the most evil creatures who ever existed.

Saturday Battlefield Earth

Sunday Erin Brokovich (R)

With no money and no job Erin pleads with her attorney, Ed, to hire her at his law firm. It is there that Erin stumbles upon some medical records, where she discovers a cover-up involving contaminated water in a local community which is causing devastating illnesses among its residents. Erin and Ed go on to receive the largest settlement ever paid in a direct-action lawsuit in U.S. history . . . \$333 million.

Monday Snow Day (PG)

There's nothing cooler than a snow day. It's like someone gave you the best birthday present ever — and it's not even your birthday! A snow day means no school, no rules and endless possibilities. Snow day magic is a powerful thing. And with Hal's pals Bill and Lane to cheer him on, this day is destined to change his life forever, though may be not exactly as planned.

Tuesday Romeo Must Die (R)

Jet Li, Aaliyah Haughton and Delroy Lindo

As a truce between African-American and Asian gangs in Oakland falls apart, two people from opposite sides of the war find themselves falling in love even as they try to bring peace and resolution to their families and their neighbors.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Trier comes alive to celebrate its traditional old city festival

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing public affairs

Trier, Germany's oldest city, celebrates its traditional Altstadtfest, or old city festival, June 23-25.

Activities take place in the center of town mainly between the Porta Nigra and Neustrasse. The festival officially kicks off at 4 p.m. June 23 with opening remarks by the mayor in the main market square. Musical entertainment by the Pfälzel Music Association and a presentation by the August Treverorum City Fanfare and Music Corps follows.

An old city party by RPR One Radio Trier is scheduled to kick off around 5:30 p.m. in front of the Porta Nigra. Jazz music hits the stage starting at 8:30 p.m. in front of the Kaufhof department store.

A puppet show and magic clowning acts can be seen at 4 p.m. along Simeonstrasse. The Mittelmösel Tanzorchester or Middle-Mösel Dance Orchester performs a concert 7:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Fleischstrasse. The News Dance Band provides music and entertainment 7:30 p.m. to midnight in front of the Reisser music store, located on Fleischstrasse.

Shooting competitions and other entertainment takes place in a tent, which can be found on Kornmarkt. A nearby beer garden opens 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

A children's carousel and play corner can be found throughout the festival on Nagelstrasse starting at noon daily.

Other highlights include musical entertainment at 7 p.m. on Kornmarkt; original brass band music by the Leyendecker Bloas Band at 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. on Nagelstrasse; music by the Under Cover Band at the corner of Fahr and Neustrasse; and more music by various bands 7 p.m. to midnight on Jesuitenstrasse.

Highlight activities June 24 include music and entertainment at the main market; RPR Radio on stage 1 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and on the RPR Radio Porta Nigra stage 10 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. Pop and classic music plays throughout the day on Domfreihof, the area in front of Trier's famous Dom cathedral with a festival following at 8 p.m.

Listen to jazz and swing tunes 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in front of the Kaufhof department store.

Children's entertainment, including juggling, acrobatic and magic and puppet shows, takes place along Simeonstrasse starting at 11 a.m.

Other entertainment includes Big Band sounds by the Mittelmösel Tanzorchester 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Fleischstrasse; performances by the Intercity Showband 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the corner of Fahr and Neustrasse; pop and soul, and jazz and funk music 5-7:30 p.m. on Jesuitenstrasse; and local folk dances 5-7 p.m. in front of the Trier Basilika church.

In addition, people can find face painting demonstrations 5-10 p.m. on a stage in front of the Karstadt department store. More shooting competitions take place 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Kornmarkt.

Activities start off June 25 at 8:50 a.m. with a 10-kilometer international city run from the Aral gas station, located at An der Schellenmauer. A children's 2.5-K run takes place at 8:55 a.m. from the Postsport hall, located on Ausoniusstrasse. The 17th International Half Marathon City Run starts at 9 a.m. from Schloss Wachenheim Castle.

Events in the main market square feature talk shows, live music and entertainment on the Porta Nigra's RPR Radio stage starting at 11 a.m.; a jazz and swing band in front of the Kaufhof store 3:30-10:30 p.m.; face paintings in front of the Karstadt store 1-6 p.m.; and an additional children's entertainment program along Simeonstrasse starting at 1 p.m.

More big band music can be heard 7:30 p.m. to midnight by the Mittelmösel Tanzorchester on Fleischstrasse and dance music by The News 7-11 p.m. in front of the Reisser music store on Fleischstrasse.

Watch additional shooting competitions throughout the day, starting at 11 a.m. on Kornmarkt.

A children's mini playback show is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Kornmarkt.

Other highlights include music by the Alles Banane 6-11 p.m. on Nagelstrasse; performances by the Intercity Showband 7-11 p.m. at the corner of Fahr and Neustrasse; rock, pop and soul music by Groove Mission on Jesuitenstrasse; and music by the Belgian Pop-Band Gene Summer & The Summer Band 8 p.m. to midnight also on Jesuitenstrasse. Additional folk dancing performances take place in front of the Basilika church 5-7 p.m.

Other entertainment, an amusement park, and a large variety of food and beverage specialties can be found in Trier's streets next weekend.

Organizers expect a large crowd with limited parking throughout the weekend. It is advisable to use one of the designated parking lots, located in the outskirts of the city and take the city bus or a taxi from there. It is not recommended to take small children to the evening events or concerts.

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■ Listen to the Pink Circus featuring Scottish-Celtic folk rock music at 8 p.m. Saturday and June 21 in the Duddeldorf Hemingway Bistro located between the town arches. The entertainment will be provided by Gavin McStrine from Edinburgh, England, and by Alexander Meyen from Köln.

■ The Mosel valley transforms into an Eldorado of sorts for bicyclists Sunday when roads between Cochem and Schweich close to all traffic except bikes. The event is called "Happy Mosel" and the 140-kilometer stretch is closed between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Entertainment and food are available all along the route in the Mosel towns.

■ Visit a flea market Sunday in the Bitburg Hela Parkhaus, located on Koelenstrasse; in front of the Wittlich city hall, located in the center of town; in the Trier Moselauen Messepark parking lot, in front of the Idar-Oberstein Globus Handelshof, located on B41; in the Stadtkyll Marktplatz, as a part of the annual Brumen festival at the St. Gaur Fachplatz, located along the Rhine shore and at the Koblenz Messschalle and Freigeleände am Wallersheimer Kreisel.

■ Attend the annual B-17 Memorial Ceremonies June 24-25 at the 385th Bomb Group Monument of

Perle, Luxembourg. The event features the arrival and a display of historical cars from World War II and country western dance performances by the Eifel Outlaws at 6 p.m. June 24; A National Day Ceremony Blessing at the church of Perle, at 2 p.m., a presentation by the Spangdahlem Honor Guard, a heavy aircraft flyover, laying of wreaths, the Luxembourg Army Platoon and a parade of the WW2 vehicles June 25.

■ Plan to attend the annual Trier Altstadtfest or old city festival June 23-25. This event features music and entertainment in every corner of the pedestrian zone. Lots of food will be available along the road.

■ For the second year, the Kroew wine growers invite people to a wine probe 2-8 p.m. Sunday in the Mittelmösel hall. About 100 wines will be presented.

■ Enjoy music and entertainment at the annual Wittlich summer festival June 23-25.

■ The family support center and ITT hold two "Spouses Day Out" trips. A Mosel River cruise to Cochem with a Reichsburg Castle tour and a walk through town for lunch and shopping for \$30 per person takes place Saturday. On June 24, shop at many different stores and factories in Bolesawiec,

Poland, visit a glass-blowing factory and see a demonstration for \$55 per person, \$75 for a double set. Call the FSC for more information at 453-7491.

■ Stop by the annual Landscheid-Niederkill Trucker Festival June 30 through July 2 at the Niederkill sports fields. Entry is free. Free camping is also available. For more information, call 06575-1556 or 95807.

■ The 18th International Oldtimer Festival takes place June 16-18 in Nuerburgring. The event features the International Supersport Cup, classic cars, formal and race cars, GT and touring cars, motorcycles and a vast entertainment program for young and old including music and races.

■ Plan to see the annual International ADAC 24-hour car races Wednesday through June 25 at the Nuerburgring race track. For more information and tickets, call 0221-4727469 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ADAC members receive discounts.

■ Learn about the history of the Titanic at the Bitburg Boda Haus cultural center Aug. 5. The display opens 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Entry is 9 DM for adults and 7 DM for children. More information about this mobile exhibition is available

at www.titanic-online.de.

■ Horseback riding courses for children are available by the Wittlich horse riding association June 26, July 3, 10, 17 and 24. Basic riding will be taught during the five-day course. Food and beverages will be offered to the children at the Reiterstueben restaurant. For more information or to register for a course, call 06571-7704.

■ Trier's annual Peter and Paul Fair offers amusement park rides and food specialties June 23 through July 2.

Lady Barons emerge with Division II softball crown

Team finds out post-season brings different level of play from field than seen earlier

By Staff Sgt. Rich Romero
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As the Bitburg Lady Barons fast pitch softball team found out, a perfect 12-0 record in the regular season means squat during post-season play.

While the Division II European Championship Tournament May 25-27 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center barely resembled the type of play the Barons faced during the regular season, they still walked away with the championship trophy. Meanwhile, six players were named to the All Conference Team, two to the All Tournament Team and freshman pitcher Kacie Cooper earned the Division II Most Valuable Player award.

Bitburg, the clear favorite in Division II as the only undefeated team, lost to AFCENT, which pulled off the upset on the first day of play stunning the Barons 11-1 in a game called by the mercy rule.

"We were served notice early that we would need to step it up or we would get eliminated quickly," said coach Rick Matthews. "Opponents committed only two errors in the first four games, and pitching was 60 percent accurate in the strike zone yielding only three and a half walks per game. We weren't getting any free passes."

Fortunately for Bitburg, after the first day all teams were on equal footing as each went 1-1.

Only once more in the tourney would Bitburg drop the ball, again getting mercy ruled. Unfortunately, it was to Patch Barracks, which evoked a short-lived measure of revenge on the Barons who handed Patch four of its six regular season losses.

Patch again faced Bitburg one more time in the Division II title game. The game was close until the final inning. Patch actually had the tying runs on base with no outs in the sixth inning.

"We were facing extra innings, until Cooper just started moving them down," Matthews said. "She killed the rally."

The team, which lead 4-0, tacked on eight insurance runs in the last inning. Rachel Matthews drilled a two-run double and RBI singles by Crystal Bessler and Jessica Wood

proved to be the key hits as the Barons won 12-2. The win earned Bitburg the Division II crown.

Tourney statistics for the starting lineup

■Leadoff hitter and freshman short stop Jessica Wood — Her "small ball-long ball" attack kept the defense on their heels, Matthews said. She also recorded 11 defensive outs, scored four runs, pushed in three runs, led the Barons with seven hits and was named First Team All Conference.

■Second in the line up, senior catcher and team captain Rachel Matthews — Her hitting reputation earned four walks, and she was hit by a pitch three times as pitchers stayed far away from the strike zone while she was at the plate, said the coach. She also scored four times, tied for the most RBIs with four and had three hits. She gunned down seven runners from behind the plate. She earned a position on the First Team All Conference and First Team All Tournament teams.

■Senior second baseman and team captain Cindy Hayes — She added four hits, three runs and an RBI to the effort. She has always been a cornerstone for hitting and a great defender, but she elevated her game to a new level in the division finals, Matthews said. In the second game of the tournament, she suffered knee and thigh injuries but refused to come out of the game and continued to play for the next two days. She robbed batters of hits recording 23 outs without a single error. For her accomplishments, she was named First Team All Conference and First Team All Tournament.

■Cleanup hitter and pitcher Cooper — At the plate she continued to crush the ball, driving in three runs on six hits and crossing the plate four times. Her hitting alone was enough to secure a position on the All Conference Team, but what she did inside the circle earned her much more, Matthews said. She faced 91 batters during the tournament and struck out 33. Of those batters, only 13 were able to hit their way on base. With defensive help, she posted a 1.59 ERA. Cooper was a serious double threat, the Barons leading hitter, a pitching phenomenon and the Division II Most Valuable Player.

■Pitcher and sophomore right fielder Crystal Bessler — She used her speed to make right field unavailable to opposing hitters, Matthews said. She also pitched for three innings early in the tournament achieving a 51 percent strike to ball ratio. She crossed the plate twice and knocked in two more runs with four hits. Her fielding and hitting combination earned her a seat on the All Conference Team.

■Sophomore center fielder Brandie Doyle — Error free in the outfield, her range and speed kept batters in check and her reassuring backup gave other fielders the confidence they needed to take chances, said the coach. She scored three runs, recorded three RBIs and turned in the third highest batting average for the tournament, hitting .500.

■Junior third baseman Jennifer Kempf — Her six defensive outs loomed large on the scale of things forcing batters to try their luck somewhere else, Matthews said. She scored two runs off three hits and tied for most RBIs with four. Her efforts culminated in a position on the All Conference Team.

■Senior left fielder and team captain Twila Medeiros — She accurately anticipated the offensive scheme and put herself into position to make a play on the ball frustrating challengers throughout the tournament, Matthews said. She singled, scored and knocked in one run. She also advanced runners through sacrifice bunt or fly.

■Sophomore first baseman Jenni Coleman — She led all fielders with 23 defensive outs and no errors. Her bat also came alive at key times as well, Matthews said. She scored twice and drove in one run on four hits including the game winner in the 2-0 victory against Patch.

"The girls on the bench and team managers did a great job preparing and supporting the starters," he said. "They sacrificed their time and energy after completing a successful junior varsity season to ensure the varsity was ready for the Division II tournament. Special thanks to Dawn Bible, Meredith Hagen, Heather Hughen, Megan Kahler, Erika O'Neil, Natalie Pipahl, Preston Runquest and John Mabes."

Eifel sports world

Basketball tournament

As part of Juneteenth activities, a three-on-three basketball tournament takes place at 9 a.m. June 24. To participate, call Tech. Sgt. Allen Rockmore at 453-3383 or Staff Sgt. Oscar Grisson at 453-3384. People must be 16 years old or older. Deadline to register is June 22.

Little League tournaments

The Eifel Little League hosts the Germany junior boy's baseball tournament June 30 through July 2 and the European girl's softball tournament July 8-15.

As a result, the league needs volunteers for field maintenance, chaperones, translators and score keepers. Teams from throughout Europe will attend.

For more information, call Lela Corlew at 06565-7565 or Jim Kahler at 06565-944436.

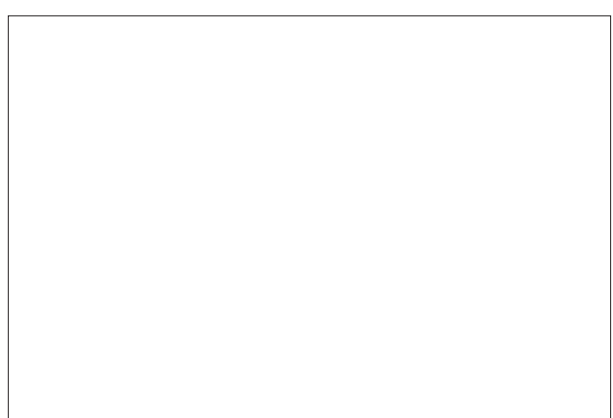
Golf tournament

Air Force Sergeant's Association's Saber Chapter 1681 sponsors a best-ball scramble golf tournament June 30 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$25 per person. Price includes lunch. To register or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Jody Yeager at 452-8338 or 453-3106.

Varsity softball schedule

Saturday — Travel to SHAPE
June 24 — At home vs. K-town
June 25 — Travel to Baumholder
July 8 — At home vs. Giessen
July 15 — Bye
July 22 — Travel to Mannheim



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Get fit

Roger Reynolds, Cooper Fitness Institute lead instructor, trains the fitness center staff on how to correctly take a pulse correctly during aerobic workouts. A team from the institute, which trains and certifies programs for more than 5,000 fitness leaders and health professionals annually, visited the base this past week.